

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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This specification discloses a vibration wave driving apparatus having a vibra/tion member having an electro-mechanical energy conversion element and a vibration member supporting member fixed to an elastic member and having a through-hole in the axial portion thereof, a rotary member being in pressure contact with the vibration member and having a through-hole in the axial portion thereof/ an output shaft extending through the through-hole of the vibration member and the rotary member, a case supporting the vibration member with the end portion of the vibration member supporting member fixed, and a plurality of bearings for supporting the output shaft provided in the case, characterized in that the vibration member and the rotary member is packaged, the output shaft is rotated with the rotary member, and the output shaft is supported relative to the through-hole of the vibration member/.